

## Town and Country

The flowers are blooming in the woods, the daffodils and kindred goods, the cowslip and the rose; and, as I do my office task, I wish that I could go and bask among such things as those. Oh, it would surely be sublime, upon a fragrant bank of thyme, for drowsy hours to rest; to revel in the wholesome breeze, and pluck the toadstools from the trees, and rob a homestead nest. But now a farmer comes to town—a man whose residence is down where buds are bathed in dew; all day he sees the posies grow, all day he feels the zephyrs blow his flowing sideboards through. And when I'd talk, in burning words, of bumblebees and bats and birds, and other woodland things, he looks at me as though he feels that my fat head is full of wheels, and cranks, and rusty springs. He interrupts my glad harangue, and says, "I do not give a dang for cowslip or for rose; I'm happy, when the sun goes down if I can chase myself to town, to see the movie shows." WALT MASON.

## LAST MEETING OF SEASON BY COMMUNITY FORUM

Miss Margaret Wilson Presides and Prominent Speakers Indorse Hollis-Johnson Bill.

With Miss Margaret Wilson presiding and several members of Congress and other prominent speakers indorsing the Hollis-Johnson bill to provide community forums in the District of Columbia the closing meeting for the season of the Grover Cleveland Community Forum was held in the Public Library yesterday afternoon.

Among the speakers who indorsed the bill were Representatives Sisson of Mississippi, Davenport of Oklahoma, Dr. Frederick C. Howe, U. S. commissioner of immigration at the port of New York, and Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews, president of the Boston (Mass.) Home and School Association.

## "School of Statesmanship."

Dr. Howe said the community forum is a school of statesmanship as proven by those which have been held for many years in Switzerland and Denmark making possible the machinery of the government of Switzerland.

Miss Cecil B. Norton, secretary of the forum, reported that the average attendance at the fourteen meetings of the forum has been 383 persons, including many members of Congress. In opening the meeting Miss Wilson read a poem written by Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford entitled "The Forum."

## HUNDRED TO GET DEGREES.

National University Law School Commencement Exercises Arranged.

Commencement exercises of the National University Law School are to be held Monday evening, June 12, at 8 o'clock, at the New National Theater.

The Marine Band will furnish music. A baccalaureate sermon and address to the graduates are to form part of the program. The final examinations will be held Saturday, June 10, and students are to receive the degrees of bachelor of law, master of laws and master of patent law.

The joint student and alumni banquet is to be held Thursday evening at the New Exhibit House. More than 300 are expected to be present. A meeting of the University Club of the law school will be held at 8 o'clock on Thursday.

The Greek letter fraternity, which originated in the National University Law School, is to be held Saturday. Among those expected to be present are Dean Charles F. Carus of the law school, Secretary Kern, one of the charter members of the fraternity, and Arthur A. Douglas, who is to deliver an address on the Mexican situation. The summer session of the law school will open June 19, and run until August 12.

## Children at First Communion.

Children received their first communion yesterday morning at the 7 o'clock mass in the Church of the Nativity, St. Vincent de Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church and St. Anthony's Church, Brookland, Rev. Francis Xavier Bischoff, Rev. P. J. O'Connell, Rev. J. H. Cassidy and Rev. Thomas D. Williams, respectively, officiating. These churches also held May processions of children at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

## Dr. Harvey W. Wiley to Speak.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food expert, is scheduled to speak at a meeting of the Cranch-Tyler Home and School Association at the Cranch School Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Alma B. Goodman, teacher of the sixth grade at the Cranch School, is to preside. Miss M. B. Burch is to recite. Miss H. E. Mason will be in charge of the Nursery Club, an organization of little girls who take care of the babies and the mother who are attending the meeting.

## APRIL CIRCULATION

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